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- The North Korean Army VIII Corps has completed reorganization in Sinuiju and Uiju areas and on 10 March was in Yangdok (126-38, 39-13) (BU-9643)-Onjongni (126-50, 39-12) (CU-1341) area. The VIII Corps will take a position on the central front in the P'yonggang area. The corps morale is low; on the road south from Sinuiju, 200 men deserted subordinate units.
- 2. Despite reorganization, the VIII Corps is about 30 percent under strength. Thirty percent of the corps are bed-ridden with typhoid fever or typhus; about 60 percent of the patients have died. The corps doctor stated that men infected with typhus seldom recovered, and said that these patients have symptoms similar to smallpox and typhus.

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Comment. The Corps doctor is probably referring to the rash in smallpox which is the same symptom in typhus.

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